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SUBJ: BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON FOREIGN ENERGY PROGRAMS

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINS TO ITEMS IN REFTEL FOR WHICH RESPONSE WAS REQUESTED BY 15JANUARY 1976. COMPLETE RESPONSE WILL FOLLOW SOON.

2. ENERGY POLICY, I.B. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES. R&D IN ENERGY IS NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED IN ANY OFFICIAL GOI DOCUMENT OF STATEMENT THE EMBASSY IS AWARE OF. AS WILL BE BROUGHT OUT IN SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE, EACH AGENCY WITHIN GOI HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH ENERGY TENDS TO GO OFF ON ITS OWN TANGENT AND IF THERE IS ANY COORDINATION IT IS SUPERFICIAL AND UNARTICULATED.

SCATTERED AND INCOMPLETE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY INDICATES THAT ACTUAL ENERGY R&D EMPHASIS PROBABLY RANKS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) PETROLEUM,(2) NATURAL GAS,(3) NUCLEAR FISSION,(4) NUCLEAR FUSION,(5) SOLAR ENERGY,(6) GEOTHERMAL ENERGY,(7) HYDROGEN.

3. ENERGY POLICY,II.B. BUDGET. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING BUT A BALLPARK ESTIMATE OF TOTAL GOI ENERGY R&D

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FUNDING LEVELS, SINCE THE NATIONAL BUDGET IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY

BROKEN DOWN EVEN TO PROVIDE A FIGURE FOR IRANIAN R&D AS A WHOLE. OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT TOTAL ENERGY R&D FUNDING FOR THE CURRENT IRANIAN YEAR WHICH BEGAN MARCH 21,1975, IS ABOUT 20 MILLION DOLLARS. WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE ALLOCATED APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS: MINISTRY OF ENERGY, 10 MILLION, OF WHICH 3 MILLION FOR SOLAR ENERGY; ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN, 4 MILLION FOR FISSION, 1 MILLION FOR FUSION; NATIONAL IRANINA OIL COMPANY AND AFFILIATES, 4 MILLION; NATIONAL IRANIAN GAS COMPANY, 1 MILLION. CURRENCY CONVERSION ON BASIS OF 69.15 RIALS TO THE DOLLAR.
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